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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2006, in which the Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species of buffer for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Further, Applicants are required to include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse "aspartic acid" as the species of buffer for prosecution. Currently, generic claims 1-3 and 5-8 are readable thereon. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions directed to the non-elected buffer species encompassed by these generic claims.

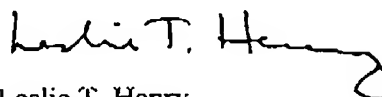
Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required. However, in the event that extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby

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petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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